

Commander's Philosophy



HMLA-469's mission is to support the Marine Air Ground Task Force Commander by providing offensive air support, utility support, armed escort, and airborne supporting arms coordination, day or night under all weather conditions during expeditionary, joint or combined operations. We must always remember that this mission can only be accomplished through the hard work and sacrifice of the dedicated, committed professionals who make up the Vengeance family. Because we can rarely know with certainty when and where our Nation may need us next, the Vengeance family must remain **Ready, Fit, and Focused**.

Ready

Our readiness to fight and win when called is based on our technical and tactical proficiency, both individually and collectively, and on our families' readiness to meet the demands of home life while we answer that call. We will conduct realistic and challenging training to ensure each Marine and Sailor has the skills, knowledge and judgment required to accomplish our mission. We will use the vast experience that exists among us to build the next generation of the Vengeance family.

Fit

Our fitness is what permits us to prevail while enduring sustained hardship. Long hours, harsh climates, the threat of hostile action and prolonged separation from friends and family affect us all. When we are fit physically, mentally and emotionally and our relationships are healthy, we are better able to withstand these hardships. Maintaining our fitness requires continuous effort and upkeep, and it is an essential part of our identity as Marines.

Focused

When we and our families are ready and fit, and we treat each other with dignity and respect, we are able to remain focused on our mission. When we are focused, we plan deliberately and in detail, we execute with precision and discipline, and we remain alert and adaptable when the unexpected occurs. Focused Marines and Sailors are better able to fight, win and return to prepare for the next challenge.

Warfare is and will always remain an uncertain business. Though we may not know where and when we will fight next, if remain **Ready, Fit and Focused**, there is no challenge that the Vengeance family cannot meet.

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Attack with Vengeance!

